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**RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2006. The required petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.17 (a) is submitted herewith.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.